COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT, BUDGET SESSION—1119

Saturday, *the* $\frac{\textit{29th July 1944}}{\textit{14th Karkadagam 1119}}$

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half-past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir GEORGE BOAG, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.) in the Chair.

Messrs. Thattil Kochuvareed, A. B. Salem, Shabdai S. Koder, K. M. Ibrahim and H. J. Walmesley were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

PLAGUE INFECTION—CHITTUR

101. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will Government be pleased to state,—

(*a*) whether the Government know that Palghat was declared plague infected;

(*b*) if so, what they have done to prevent Chittur from being infected;

(*c*) what do they do at the Erattaculam toll-gate?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Necessary preventive measures as observation, rat destruction, etc., are being carried out by the Chittur Municipal authorities and the Public Health and Panchayat Department is rendering necessary advise and all help and co-operation in the matter.

(*c*) An observation station has been opened at the Erattaculam toll-gate and fumigation of all goods without disinfection certificates from Palghat is also arranged.

MEENAKSHIPURAM—DRINKING WATER—SUPPLY OF

102. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will Government be pleased to state,—

(*a*) whether the Government know that the inhabitants of Meenakshipuram have no water for drinking purposes;

(*b*) have they enquired about it;

(*c*) are there not Government wells there;

(*d*) if so, how many;

(*e*) what is their condition?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) There is scarcity of drinking water.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Three.

(*e*) There is no adequate supply of water in them in spite of all efforts.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Are you sure that there is no water in the well in front of the school in Meenakshipuram? There is water but it is not-drinkable. It is being neglected.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* That is being got repaired. The complaint is that there is a private tank there and the people used to draw water from it. But the owner objects to it. I have called for a report from the Director of Public Health and Panchayats whether it is advisable to acquire that tank also.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* It is very necessary.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I will look into it.

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